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What Becomes of All the Old Clothes?

One of the largest dealers in London once said to us, seeing a Guardsman going along the street, "A thousand to one that coat comes in to my hands." Really, the inevitability there appears to be about the destination of these regimental coats, if known to their wearers, should make them very uncomfortable. The dealers would, if they could, strip them of their backs, just as an old woman skins an eel. A Lord Mayor's footman's full dress livery is viewed by the great prizes of the profession, and their barbaric splendors are destined for a special market—the West Coast of Africa, where Nature puts on her most gorgeous apparel, and the great ones of the land are determined to have something to match.

Travelers often tell us of the marvelous appearance of the chiefs of those parts when in full mail, but we scarcely expected to find our old clothes dealers the regular customers of these sable dignitaries, transmitting regiments, laced liveries and cocked hats as regularly to them as a London tailor sends his clothes to his country customers. And Munro Jumbo will not be put off with inferior articles; the slightest blemish in color or inferiority in cloth is instantly detected and rejected by these semi-savages. Hence the greatest care is necessary in catering for their wants. The vast majority of the scarlet coats of our officers (thats a little word, find their way to the great market fair at Leipzig. There is a belief in the trade that the destination of this bright scarlet is the cuffs and fastenings of the civil servants of the Russian Government. However this may be, the fact of second hand regimentals finding their way to the great German fair is undoubted.

The pepper and salt great coats of our infantry go to our agricultural districts and the Cape, but the heavier and the more valuable artillery cloaks find their way to Holland; and that country and Ireland absorb between them the cast off clothes of the police. There is one odd item of old clothes that has a singular history. There is still a certain class in the community addicted to the use of silk velvet waistcoats. This class is generally to be found among the well to do tradesmen of country towns. The longevity of a piece of silk velvet waistcoat is proverbial; it will not wear out. After adorning the respectable corporation of a provincial grocer until he is thoroughly tired of it, what does our reader think is its ultimate destination? The fate of some street German or Polish Jew! In obedience to a Rabbinical law, it is not considered right by some of the conscientious Hebrews to go uncovered, and these second hand waistcoats are bought up to make skull caps for their use. "Waste Products," by P. L. Simmonds.

How to Cure a Bad Memory.—Your memory is bad, perhaps, but I can tell you two secrets that will cure the worst memory. One I mentioned above; to read a subject when I mentioned interested. The other is, to not only read, but think. When you have read a paragraph or a page, stop, close the book, and try to remember the ideas on that page, and not only recall them vaguely in your mind, but put them into words and speak them out. Faithfully follow these two rules, and you have the golden key of knowledge. Besides inattentive reading, there are other things injurious to memory. One is the habit of skimming over newspaper items of news, smart bits of information, political reflections, fashion notes, all in a confused jumble, never to be thought of again, thus diluting cultivating a habit of careless reading that leads to break. Another is the reading of trashy novels. Nothing is so fatal to reading with profit as the habit of running through story after story, and forgetting them as soon as read. I know a gray haired woman, a life long lover of books, who sadly declares that her mind has been ruined by such reading.

A help to memory is repetition. Nothing is so certain to keep your French fresh, and ready for use, as to have always on hand an interesting story in that language, to take up for ten minutes every day. In that case, you will not "forget your French" with the majority of your schoolmates.—*Oliver Thorne, St. Nicholas for September.*

A FEW DAYS since an amusing incident took place at Fronty Church, West Bromwich, England. Among a goodly number of most showily dressed couples about to enter the state of holy matrimony were a pair who made themselves conspicuous. The bridegroom being rather bashful, hazy back, and allowed his best man to approach the altar with his intended, and upon the officiating minister making the usual interrogation, "Will thou have this woman?" etc., the man unobtrusively answered, "I will; but the lady was not quite so content. On the question being put to her, she hung her head, and in reply to a further query said, "That was not her man." However, after sharp removal of the would-be bridegroom on the part of the minister, who said he never would assent to such a proceeding in his life, matters were set right by the right man stepping forward and duly answering "I will." The first case disproved the axiom, "Where there's a will there's a way."

A family club was recently organized in Paris, where husbands and wives could resort together to read respectively political journals and fashionable periodicals; enjoy society and conversation; play cards, etc. At first all went well, and these reunions were pronounced delightful, but soon discord crept in, the ladies began to quarrel, and the "Family Club" became a perfect "School for Scandal." The club was about to be dissolved when the attractive Girl advertised that to increase the attractions of the circle a marvelous dog had been secured, which at a glance could tell the age of any lady without fail. Next day a lady appeared at the club, and the gentlemen have had it all to themselves ever since.

ALASKA POWDER, for cleaning metals (marble, mirrors, window glass, &c., &c.) for sale by
E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.
SPIES of the best quality, ground or whole. Also fine **SALAD OIL** just received.
E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

MEDICINES.

AN ADDRESS TO THE SICK.
Do you want to purify the system?
Do you want to get rid of Biliousness?
Do you want something to strengthen you?
Do you want a good appetite?
Do you want to get rid of nervousness?
Do you want good digestion?
Do you want to sleep well?
Do you want to build up your constitution?
Do you want a brisk and vigorous feeling?
If you do, take

SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR.

PURELY VEGETABLE.
Is harmless,
Is no drastic violent medicine,
Is no medicine to cure if taken regularly,
Is a faithful family medicine,
Is the cheapest medicine in the world,
Is given with safety and the happiest results
To the most delicate infant.
Does not interfere with business,
Does not disarrange the system,
Takes the place of Quinine and Bitters of every kind.
Contains the simplest and best remedies.
ASK the recovered Dyspeptic, Bilious sufferer, victims of Fever and Ague, the mercurial diseased patient, how they recovered health, cheerful spirits and good appetite—they will tell you by taking Simmons' Liver Regulator.

The cheapest, purest and best family medicine in the world.
It contains four medical elements, never united in the same happy proportion in any other preparation, viz: a gentle Cathartic, a wonderful Tonic, an unexceptionable Alterative and a certain corrective of all impurities of the body. Such signal success has attended its use, that it is now regarded as the

EFFECTUAL SPECIFIC

For all Disease of the Liver, Stomach and Spleen.
As a Remedy in Malarious Fevers, Bowel Complaints, Dyspepsia, Mental Depression, Restlessness, Jaundice, Nausea, Sick Headache, Colic, Constipation and Biliousness.

IT HAS NO EQUAL.
CAUTION!—As there are a number of imitations offered to the public, we would caution the community to buy no Powders or Prepared Simmons' Liver Regulator unless in our original wrapper with Trade Mark Stamp and Signature unbroken. None other is genuine.

J. H. ZEILIN & CO.,
Macon, Ga., and Philadelphia.
Your valuable medicine, Simmons' Liver Regulator, has saved me many doctors' bills. I use it for everything it is recommended and never knew it to fail; I have used it in Colic and Grubbs with my Mules and Horses, giving them about half a bottle at a time. I have not lost one that I gave it to. You can recommend it to every one that has stock as the best medicine known for all complaints that horse flesh is heir to.
E. T. TAYLOR,
sep 7 Agent for Grangers of Georgia.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

PHILIP H. HOOE,
NO. 2 PRINCE STREET
GENERAL
COMMISSION AND SHIPPING MERCHANT
Dealer in all kinds of
FERTILIZERS, SALT AND PLASTER
Agent of the
LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.
feb 6—tf

J. C. & E. MILBURN,
Wholesale and Retail
GROCERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
No. 19 N. Royal st., cor. Market Space,
Alexandria, Virginia.
Orders and consignments solicited. They will receive careful and prompt attention.
R. B. LAWSON & CO.,
[Successors to R. M. Lawson,]
GROCERS AND LIQUOR MERCHANTS
No. 67 Cameron street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
aug 3

THOMAS PERRY,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT
AND AGENT FOR
THE SALE OF FERTILIZERS,
No. 17 King street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
aug 16—tf

GEO. WASHINGTON, R. J. WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON & BROTHER.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
NO. 20 UNION STREET,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
Consignments of Grain, Merchandise and all kinds of Country Produce solicited. Special attention given to all business entrusted to them. Prompt returns made.
ap 24

W. A. SMOOT,
DEALER IN
COAL, SALT AND PLASTER
SMOOT'S WHARF,
(Foot of Prince's st.)
Alexandria, Virginia.
feb 21—tf

J. BRODERS & CO.,
No. 11 King street,
Alexandria, VA.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
Wholesale Dealers in
GROCERIES,
LIQUORS,
PROVISIONS,
SALT FISH,
and PRODUCE.
Also keep on hand a general assortment of Cordage, Tar, Pitch, Nails, Lime, Packing, Oils, Lamps and Ship and Naval Stores.
All orders and consignments promptly attended to, and goods forwarded without delay to consignees on arrival.
Agents for Dupont's Gunpowder.
XXX Ale and Porter always on hand.
Agents for the Baltimore and Potomac Transportation Line
mh 10—tf

MOSQUITO NET.
PATENT FINISH MOSQUITO NETTING
of all widths.
SELF ADJUSTING CEILING PULLIES.
PATENT CANOPY FIXTURES.
A large assortment of MOSQUITO NET, all sizes.
JOHN P. CLARKE,
No. 108 King street.
jy 17

GUNS, CAPS, WADS, &c.—Just opened at 88 King street, Alexandria, Va., corner of Royal, an assortment of English Twist Shot Guns, of good quality, and at very low prices; also a Breach Loader, with all the fixtures, shells, &c., Musket Caps, Gun Wads, Flasks, Pouches, Belts, &c., to which we invite attention.
sep 22 **J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.**

TABLE AND POCKET CUTLERY, SCISSORS, &c.
The subscribers invite attention to a desirable stock of the above goods, which were bought at a reduced price, and will be sold at a small advance, wholesale and retail. Call and examine at 88 King street, corner of Royal st.
sep 13 **J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.**

CEMENT! ROUNDED TOP!
Having been appointed agent for the celebrated ROUNDED TOP CEMENT, I am prepared to fill all orders with dispatch at lowest market rates.
jy 27 **W. A. SMOOT.**

TO THOSE contemplating building or repairing we would call especial attention to our well selected stock of Doors, Sashes, Blinds and Building Materials of all kinds, which we will sell as cheap as the same can be bought in or out of the State.
B. F. PEAKE & CO.,
sep 14 187 King st., Alexandria, Va.

DRY GOODS.

DOMESTICS! **DOMESTICS!**
AT RETAIL
FOR LESS THAN THE AGENT HOLDS THEM BY THE CASE.

Buying in the market just when the goods were being marked up we bought very largely at the old prices to avoid the advance, and can therefore offer special inducements.

H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

AUCTION FLANNELS
AND BLANKETS.

Special bargains in these. Particular attention to the MEDICATED RED FLANNEL.

H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

ENGLISH HOSE,
Marked with Sulphur in the Bleaching.

But guaranteed not injured, at ONE DOLLAR PER DOZEN LESS by retail than they were wholesale.

H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

CANTON FLANNELS.
Bought at the Case Price,

Enabling us to offer them cheap, both at wholesale and retail.

H. C. SLAYMAKER & CO.

DRESS GOODS,
IN LATEST COLORS,
From 20 cents up.

We have parties in our interest in New York looking out for special bargains, and who notify us of changes in the market in time to take advantage of them in buying.

H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

WOOD AND COAL.
COAL!
For good CLEAN COAL go to T. J. MEHAFEE & CO'S, wharf and yard foot of Queen street.
sep 8

COAL!
On the wharf a full stock of COAL, of the best quality, Broken, Egg, Stove, Nut and Cumberland, from the following mines:
Lyken's Valley Mines.
Cameron
Sunbury
Lee
Hill & Harris
Ocean
Maryland
West Virginia Splint.
For sale at the lowest market rates, per ton of 2240 lbs.
jan 11—tf **W. A. SMOOT.**

COAL!
On the wharf and to arrive a full stock of all kinds of
ANTHRACITE AND CUMBERLAND COAL.
Sold at market rates per ton 2240 lbs.
aug 14—tf **W. A. SMOOT, Smoot's wharf**

COAL!
We have now on hand and are constantly receiving at our wharf and storage yards, foot of Queen street, all the best COALS known to this market. We name in part:
LYKEN'S VALLEY
SHAMOKIN AND EAST FRANKLIN LOR-BERRY RED ASH.
JOHN'S, from EAGLE VEIN COLLIERY.
The celebrated CONTINENTAL and HAZEL DELL, from the Goodrich Colliery, esteemed the best in the market.
And LEE and STANTON WHITE ASH ANTHRACITE COAL, of Steamers, Broken, Egg Stone and Nut sizes.
Also, GEORGE'S CREEK CUMBERLAND COAL.
Also HICKORY, OAK and PINE WOOD.
Having ample space, each variety of Coal is kept distinct from that of others, and is especially prepared for family use. Yards loaded and Coal sent out well screened and free from slate, 2240 lbs to the ton. Orders left with Messrs. Clarridge & Grigg, corner King and Royal sts., or at the yards will be promptly filled.
jy 17 Wharf and Yards foot of Queen st.

FINANCIAL.
BURKE & HERBERT
Dealers in
GOLD, GOVERNMENT BONDS, LOCAL STOCKS, AND ALL FIRST-CLASS RAILROAD BONDS and other good investment securities, have for sale
VIRGINIA COUPONS, receivable for taxes.
ALEXANDRIA CORPORATION SIX PER CENT BONDS.
Any information in regard to investments cheerfully given.
may 21

FIFTY DOZEN
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S WHITE COTTON HOSE,
AT 10 AND 12 CENTS.
FERGUSON & BRO.

LIVERPOOL G. A. SALT.
1000 SACKS LIVERPOOL G. A. SALT in store and for sale by
sep 30 **P. B. HOOE.**

DRY GOODS.

J. M. STEWART
Has just opened from New York—
A line of CARPETING, in Tapestry, Brussels, Three Plys and Ingrains. The patterns are new and very handsome.
Very handsome very bordered.
Wool Dutch Carpeting.
Druggists, very rich bordered.
Crumb Cloths, in all the sizes.
Venetian Carpets, in all the widths.
Rugs, large and small sizes.
Blankets.
Also a fine stock of Nottingham Lace Curtains, in altogether new designs and exceedingly pretty.

All qualities of Damask Linen Napkins.
Table Linens and Towels in great variety.
Irish Linens; Cotton and Linen Sheetings of all grades; Cocoa Matings of all widths, from 34 to 64; Oil Cloths for halls and rooms; Table Oil Cloths; Table Covers in cloth; also very handsome Piano Covers, in Maroon, Cardinal and other shades.
An inspection is invited of a cheap stock of goods, and all fresh.
sep 29

1876 FALL & WINTER DRESS GOODS.

TO THE LADIES OF ALEXANDRIA AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.

We are opening this morning, in French designs and newest shades, a large line of BLACK AND GOLD CASHMERE, DIAGONALS, POPLIN, POPLIN NET, SERGES, BARATHE, EMPRESS and OTHER DRESS GOODS, worthy of your attention.
sep 25 **D. F. BRASHEAR.**

FOR ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY.

GENUINE
WEST POINT CADET CLOTH,
(Government standard.)

Color warranted. We have purchased these goods at a decided reduction, and sell them correspondingly cheap.
sep 18 **H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.**

FALL TRADE.
sep 16—wtf **THOS. MOORE, Com. of Sale.**

AUCTION GOODS! **AUCTION GOODS!**

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY CHEAP!

ALL-WOOL FLANNELS, BLANKETS, &c., &c.,
Bought at the late auction sales of Woolen Goods in New York.

BUY NOW AND SAVE TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT
D. BENDHEIM'S,
aug 21 Adjoining the Marshal House.

CARPETINGS! **CARPETINGS!**

A very large arrival of New Carpetings at
D. F. WITMER'S,
Who is now prepared to offer all grades of
INGRAIN,
THREE-PLY and
TAPESTRY CARPETINGS,
OIL CLOTHS,
MATS and RUGS,
at prices that cannot fail to please.
aug 21

FANCY GOODS
A CARD TO THE LADIES AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY.
Thanking them for their liberal patronage during many years of a business career which I have enjoyed among them, I would particularly acknowledge my appreciation of their generous attendance and liberal spirit as exhibited during my late auction sales.

To merit always such liberal patronage shall ever command my utmost endeavor.
I am now ready to sell at private sale as cheap as at auction, and shall shortly be prepared for another large auction sale of DOMESTIC and FANCY DRY GOODS.
sep 21—2w **ISAAC SCHWARZ.**

JUST RECEIVED AT C. C. BERRY'S
A full line of G. Updegraff & Son's celebrated Dog Skin GLOVES for ladies and gentlemen.
sep 21

FALL GOODS.
Just opened at
C. C. BERRY'S.
Kid Gloves, in two buttons.
Cambric Edgings.
Scarf Ties.
Black Silk Fringes and Laces.
Zephyr Worsteds and Germantown Wools.
Veilings, &c.,—all at prices to suit the times.
sep 16—tf

FALL GOODS.
Just received a supply of
NEW GOODS,
consisting in part of Hamburg Edges, Bustles, Hoop Skirts, Back Collars, Handkerchiefs, Black Lace Scarfs, Linen Collars, Fancy Linen Sets, Coral and Black Jewelry, and a general variety of Fancy Goods at
FERGUSON & BRO'S.,
90 King street.
C. L. ADAMS. C. M. ADAMS, formerly with C. W. Adams, and into with A. T. Stewart & Co.

NEW STORE! **NEW GOODS!** New York.
NOTIONS,
LADIES' AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.
AN ELEGANT DISPLAY OF NEW
HOSE, Underwear, Handkerchiefs, Collars, Cuffs and other goods too numerous to mention. A visit of inspection respectfully solicited.
sep 7—tf **C. M. ADAMS, No. 92 King st.**

WAX! **WAX!** **WAX!**
Constantly on hand a large supply of WAX for fruit cans at
sep 12 **W. F. CREIGHTON'S.**

AUCTION SALES.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE FARM IN FAIRFAX COUNTY.
Pursuant to the decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, pronounced at June term, 1876 in the suit of Harrison M. Simpson vs. Charles W. Ratcliffe, the undersigned, commissioners named in said decree, will, on MONDAY, the 10th day of October, 1876, Court day, at twelve o'clock a. m., of said day, sell to the highest bidder, at public sale, in front of the Court House door, that valuable and improved farm on which the said Charles W. Ratcliffe at present resides, containing about FOUR HUNDRED ACRES. This land lies about 14 miles northwest of the village of Centerville, on the Braddock Road, and near the Warrenton Pike. The soil is of the character known as red, is the best quality of land, produces heavy crops of wheat, corn and grass, and is not excelled by any farm in the county. It will be sold in parcels or at private sale should it not be sold on the day named.

Terms of Sale.—Such cash as will be required to pay the costs of suit and expenses of sale, and the residue in three equal annual payments, to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with good personal security, and retention of title until the last payment is made.

H. W. THOMAS,
THOMAS MOORE,
Comrs. of Sale.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.—By authority of the decree of the County Court of Fairfax county in the suit now pending in the Circuit Court of said county of Fawcett and wife vs. Fawcett & Co., entered at the December Court, 1872, the undersigned, special commissioners named in said decree, will, on MONDAY, the 16th day of October, 1876, Court day, at 12 o'clock m., before the door of the Court House of said county, sell to the highest bidder, at public sale, all that LOT OF LAND, containing 120 acres, situate in the 1st ward of the city of Alexandria, Va., bounded as follows:—Beginning on the west side of Royal street, between Duke and Wolfe streets, at the north line of the lot conveyed by Gabriel A. Duval to Richard H. Rowe; thence along Royal st. to the intersection of the same with the line of Joseph J. Janney's line, thence west ninety-nine feet five inches or less; thence south to said Rowe's line; thence east with said line ninety-nine feet five inches, in or less, to the beginning line, together with the improvements, and the right of a TWO-STORY FRAMED HOUSE.

Terms of Sale.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the residue in two equal annual payments at six and twelve months, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the purchaser to execute his notes of purchase, secured by deed of trust upon the premises. Fully detailed to be paid on the day of sale as a forfeit for non-compliance with the terms of sale. **WM. F. HOLTMAN,**
sep 18—4w Trustee.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.—By virtue of a deed of trust from Gerard W. Stuyker and wife, dated April 1st 1870 and duly recorded among the land records of Fairfax county, the undersigned, trustee thereon named, at the request of the said Gerard W. Stuyker and wife, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House door of said county, on MONDAY, October 16, 1876, at 12 o'clock m., Court day, that VALUABLE FARM on which James Wolfe now resides, lying near the Virginia station, in the 1st ward of the city of Alexandria, Va., known as "BRUIN'S JAIL," in the county of Fairfax, Virginia, near the town of Braddock, containing about 120 acres, with improvements thereon, three roads and eleven parcels, reserving therefrom the right to the land lying around.

Terms of Sale.—Enough cash in hand to pay the expenses of sale, and the residue in two equal annual payments at six and twelve months, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the purchaser to execute his notes of purchase, secured by deed of trust upon the premises. Fully detailed to be paid on the day of sale as a forfeit for non-compliance with the terms of sale. **WM. F. HOLTMAN,**
sep 18—4w Trustee.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—By virtue of a deed of trust from Charles H. Mankin, the undersigned, commissioners named in said decree, will, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of October, 1876, at 12 o'clock m., of said day, sell to the highest bidder, at public sale, in front of the Court House door of the Market House building, Alexandria, Virginia, the LOT OF GROUND, known as "BRUIN'S JAIL," in the county of Fairfax, Virginia, near the town of Braddock, containing about 120 acres, with improvements thereon, three roads and eleven parcels, reserving therefrom the right to the land lying around.

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